House Resolution No. 565

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Ruth Esthelma Cochran, a resident of El Dorado Springs, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration on March 6, 2004, at the Lions Club; and

Whereas, on March 4, 1914, on a farm near Tiffin, God brought a special gift to August and Rachel Maschewski with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Ruth, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Ruth Cochran will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriages to Randall Francis, Bill Teetor, and Buddy Cochran, and the births of her offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Ruth Cochran with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two children, Ann Quinto and Randall Francis; six grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Ruth Cochran has further distinguished herself by surviving two major car accidents and three operations; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 90, Ruth Cochran is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Ruth Cochran at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Ruth Cochran, as a measure of our esteem for her.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 565, adopted February 12, 2004.